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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Second (Social) Committee

Situation in Cambodia

1. The Economic and Social Council, fully concerned about the protection of human rights in Cambodia, endorses Commission on Human Rights decision 1991/104 of 15 February 1991 1/ and reaffirms the right of the people of Cambodia to exercise their fundamental freedoms and human rights, including their right to self-determination.

2. The Council welcomes United Nations Security Council resolution 668 (1990) of 20 September 1990 and General Assembly resolution 45/3 of 15 October 1990 endorsing the framework for a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodian conflict which has been accepted in its entirety by all the Cambodian parties as the basis for settling the Cambodian conflict. The Council also welcomes the draft agreements of 26 November 1990 and the Final Statement of the meeting between the co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia and members of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia on 23 December 1990, as contained in document A/46/61-S/22059.

3. The Council further welcomes the formation of a Supreme National Council as the unique legitimate body and source of authority in which, throughout the transitional period, the independence, national sovereignty and unity of

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. B.

Cambodia is embodied. The Council urges that, in working towards the goal of a comprehensive political settlement, the Cambodian leaders should cooperate in assuming their responsibilities in order to achieve national reconciliation.

4. The Council also urges all parties to the conflict to exercise maximum self-restraint so as to create a climate conducive to the achievement and implementation of a comprehensive political settlement, as reiterated in the appeal of the co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 22 April 1991 for a voluntary cease-fire in Cambodia.

5. The Council expresses the hope that the Paris Conference on Cambodia would be reconvened as soon as possible in order to adopt the agreement on a comprehensive political settlement and that a detailed plan of implementation be drawn up in accordance with the agreement, providing, inter alia, for the full restoration of the human rights of the Cambodian people, including their inalienable right to self-determination in free and fair elections organized and conducted by the United Nations in a neutral political environment with full respect for the national sovereignty of Cambodia, and recognizing the need to promote and encourage respect for and full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia.

6. The Council once again expresses its grave concern at the plight of the Cambodian displaced persons still stranded in Thailand as a result of the continuing hostilities in Cambodia.

7. The Council requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor closely the developments in Cambodia and to intensify efforts, including the use of his good offices, to bring about a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodian problem and to promote and encourage respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia.